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**CLAIM OF EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONSE**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby respectfully requests a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated September 27, 2004. The requested extension is for three months from December 27, 2004 to March 27, 2005, a Sunday.

A check in the amount of \$1020.00 is being submitted herewith pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3405. A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

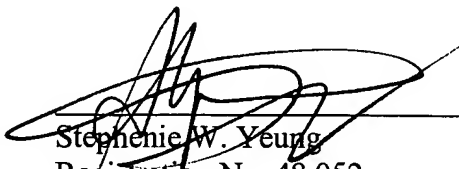
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